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Well folks, another 2 months has shot by and I am sorry that the last edition of the newsletter was slightly late, but this was due (1) Illness on my part (2) running out of time due to family commitments and decorating !!! and (3) I was sent an e.mail with an attachment that had a virus attached to it. Unfortunately, I opened the attachment and my machine was struck down with the virus. So, after 7 hours, I managed to get the machine working and back up to speed. So, these are the reasons why the last newsletter was a bit late. (excuses, excuses !!!!)

A lot of water has passed under the bridge as they say and SUFOG, is starting to take off in more ways than one. Our membership has now started to climb again with 60 members as of the 9th April 2001. At the Dorchester Conference on the 8th April, 18 membership forms

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were taken away and one person joined the group on the day... Talking of the Dorchester Conference, but I am unable to include the review of the day in this edition of the newsletter and will have to be carried over to the next edition.

As I say.. Water under the bridge.. I don't know if you saw me on Meridian TV on the 6th April news item talking about the Dorchester Conference ? Didn't you? Still, you didn't miss much. With our eagerly awaited TV

program due to be screened shortly on the Discovery Channel (I will try and give people warning when it appears on the Home and Leisure channel) which took 3 days to film, for a 30 minute program !!!

Anyway, with this edition of the newsletter you will receive a listing of items that the group has to sell to its members at a much reduced rate, from audio tapes, to video's to CD ROM's. At prices I think members can afford and should be given the chance of owning material produced by group members for group members. Prices range from as low as £3 for a video up to £10 for a double video set. So go ahead, spoil yourself and help SUFOG raise funds for the group and future ventures that are on the drawing board. In the next edition of the newsletter, I will explore these ideas with you...

Steve Gerrard...

European FT Initiative.

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the FT has its entrance / exit windows. All contributors will receive a report of our findings.

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SUFOG Sky watch 24th February...

Well folks, our February sky watch went ahead with a weather forecast of temperatures of -3 and snow !! But hey, what is UFOlogy about if you don't get out there and watch the skies. I met up with Ernie Sears, Bill and Jean Smith and we were ready to go. We went to our Netley vantage point and set up camp on the wooden bench (I am thinking of having a plaque put up on the bench 'Official SUFOG sky watch site for official use only' !!!). It was a star filled sky with the odd bank of cloud. As the night progressed and the temperatures fell, cloud drifted over in patches and at one point covered the stars. But, we carried on and sat it out until the skies cleared again. Looking over towards the Esso refinery at Fawley (which has an aerial exclusion around and over it), suddenly I saw a small ball of light appear in the sky. It moved between the chimneys at Fawley across the sky. I flicked on my camcorder and recorded the light for around a minute and a half until it vanished. Some 20 minutes later, were the omens out, but I looked up at the sky and.... Yes, I know you can make your own pictures out of things like cloud formations... but... I said to Bill what is that... We both agreed that right above our heads was this 'Skull' formed from the cloud formations. The clouds moved and this 'Skull' stretched until it broke up... What did the Chapel hold in store for us later ?

At around 11.30 p.m. the sky watch came to an end as the cloud seemed to thicken and we decided to move on to the Chapel in Netley. We arrived at around 11.45 and walked into the darkened park. The cold air suddenly became a lot warmer and the night became a lot brighter. So much brighter, that I could read the face of my watch without the use of my torch. We arrived at the jetty and looked up at the chapel. Unusual, in that our last visit (see the previous SUFOG newsletter No 12121/122) the building was lit by security lights, this time, it was in total darkness. On arrival at the jetty, I felt suddenly warm inside, peaceful and I suppose you could say 'at rest'. Bill said he felt as if his feet were not touching the ground and he was floating a few feet off the ground. We walked up towards the chapel and noticed a light on inside the chapel. From the outside, it appeared that someone had left an interior light on and this seemed to take the edge off the night. Ernie walked up to the entrance and felt a tingling / heat coming from the glass doors. Stood outside, we all had the sense of people milling around outside the chapel entrance. Bill and Ernie said they saw 'shadows' moving around on the ground outside the chapel. As for me, the night felt different and with the light on in the building, it was as if it was an intrusion into the reality I was in and it kept me from joining with the other side. As we walked away, suddenly I was knocked sideways as if someone pushed me out of the way or had walked into me with a glancing blow, yet, there was no one there. Strange... But True... Certainly Netley is turning out to be an excellent sky watch site and the chapel, things are certainly stirring there. (Steve G)

Readers Letter...

Dear Steve,

Firstly many thanks for the SUF0G magazine (my 1st), which I found very interesting. I thought I would write with regard to some of the matters raised in "Just Who is Listening".

It seems to me that monitoring of communications certainly goes on, I used to be in contact with "a certain friend" who was reticent to speak about some subjects on the phone, indeed one time when I was talking to him he became distressed as he was experiencing "clicking in his head"! Suffice to say, due to the areas in which his investigations were going, said friend is now entering into a virtually reclusive lifestyle so he can lead a more ascetic spiritual life, and has been advised "not to let anyone know where he is".

As for keywords being used, this would be so, as there aren't resources available to manually cover all communications; voice-patterning software could automatically detect messages to record/listen to. I believe mobile phones in particular are being used to facilitate monitoring programs. I read a book 2 or 3 years ago that stated you could be universally traced by way of a mobile, at the time I was sceptical. However, last year, I noticed a piece in the national press (unfortunately sent to above friend) describing a Japanese device that can locate someone to a proximity of so many metres by way of an embedded chip via GPS satellites. All very well, however, the article also stated that from 2001 it will be illegal in the US to sell mobile phones without this chip. Excuse me, *illegal*? I'll bet this isn't one of the selling points on the packaging! So, yet again I found that an "extremist conspiracy viewpoint" which I had discounted became disturbingly real to me, as happens with many areas of interest.

As far as mail tampering goes, I haven't noticed anything particularly strange apart for some mail for housemates recently arriving opened. I know someone who has worked for the Post Office who says he says he saw no provision for tampering, the only thing that did occur was theft of mail by workers. On the other hand I had an interesting occurrence when first writing to BUF0RA for information many years ago. I had been reading around MAJ-12 at the time and "as a joke" sent my mail with MAJESTIC CLEARANCE at the top. I was stunned when I received the reply *the next*

morning i.e. with no intervening day of arrival and response. Perhaps I was unusually fortunate in collection times and so on but this still seems to have been transferred amazingly speedily.

as far as e-mails go, I have yet to discover the delights (!) of that medium as I am in the process of getting connected. I am happy to use a

"non-mainstream" computer, which will not have its data stored in a Microsoft format or directory structure, hence would be inherently more guarded against any automatic

intrusions (as I'm sure you know, accusations were made that certain MS products snoop users systems and report details back, and I seem to remember CPUs containing unique IDs?).

Finally, I have just remembered another "oddy" with my mobile phone. I assumed that my phone book was stored in the phone's SIM card and would be accessed locally. On numerous occasions when trying to use the phone book, the phone has stated 'Busy, Try Later'. How can the phone be too busy to access data on the SIM? By implication again, therefore, the process of accessing my personal numbers must invoke access to the network. By implication again, where are my personal contacts stored, and are there copies held elsewhere? If you think about this, a copy of a person's phonebook is a pretty good indicator of their interests and contains presumed private contacts. Privacy invasion? Inexplicably I am unaware of sensations of surprise in my brain or body.



J.C
(Portsmouth)

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MONDAY MAY 7TH 2001 :

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***'THE INVESTIGATION OF MODERN DAY
HAUNTINGS AND RELATED PSYCHIC
PHENOMENA.'***

MONDAY JUNE 4TH 2001 :

NORMAN OLIVER :
'WATCHERS OF THE SKIES'

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD 2001 :

MARGARET FRY :
'THE BERWYN MOUNTAIN CASE'

MONDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2001 :

STEVE RIDER AND STEVE GERRARD
'FROM UFO'S TO GHOSTS AND BACK AGAIN' !

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2001 :

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More TV Acting
(Or over acting in Ernie Sears case !!!)

With-the Dorchester-Conference just around the corner (as I type this it is the 27th March), I was approached by Meridian TV for an interview to go out on the 6th April. Well, today was the day.. Raining cats and dogs and coming down in stair rods, it looked good for some outside filming !!! The TV crew (well cameraman and presenter Richard Jones) arrived at my home at 2 p.m.. By 2.30 p.m. we were at Ernie's home. After having his front room re-arranged filming started. The idea was for Ernie, after we had seen the film footage from May last year, to be ringing the Police, MoD etc. Well... What can I say ... Ernie was a natural.. They did it in one shot and it was over. Whilst filming, Ernie received a 'message' as his hand vibrated. As they packed the film camera away, suddenly, it had stopped raining and the sky had cleared .. Well done Ernie..

We went to the car park at a local beauty spot, got the camera all set up and ready for my bit... Suddenly, the cameraman's mobile went off.. Required in Winchester at the Crown Courts as soon as possible. Oh well, that put pay to my filming. But not all was lost. Richard and I arranged for me to go to the Meridian studios on the 5th April and we were to do my bit in the editing studio of the footage that was to be shown at Dorchester (in the dry !!). We were filming a little bit in the car park, and with modern technology, no one would know the difference.

All in all we spent around two hours for a piece that was going to last only 4 minutes in total (including an interview with David Kingston, organiser of the Dorchester conference). But what the heck... the more TV and radio coverage the group can get, the better it is for us. I don't know what the rest of 2001 holds with regards to TV and radio appearances, but the more the merrier I say.

Signed photographs of yours truly available now that I am a TV celebrity and of course, lectures and talks are going to have to be £500 each now that I am famous (Well if other top international UFO researchers can charge £400 - £500 for as lecture, then heck, why can't I !! (Only Joking Folks)... (Steve G)

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Some Dates For Your Diary.. **Group member Robert Fisher...**

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14th - 15th July 2001..

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Does anyone really have the answers ?

if you agree with everything or not.

By Steve Rider (SUFOG Secretary)

1 (a) Netley Abbey

Ever since I became interested in the Paranormal, now more than Twenty years ago, I have always looked for answers to such things as Ghostly apparitions, UFO's and a whole host of other strange things I have come into contact with or been told about.

So I am always open minded when I am given a new theory that might suggest an answer to some of those inexplicable events. It was no surprise when a theory was put to me that concerned two episodes I had written about in the SUFOG Newsletter. The two articles, entitled *A strange Night* and *The mystery Continues...* regarded the events that were noted during two nights spent Sky watching at the hill near Westwood off of Grange Road, Netley near to where I live and later that evening at Royal Victoria Country Park in Netley. Also mentioned in the article was Netley Abbey, a place where I have spent many nights ghost watching with a variety of results.

Mr. Brian Allan, a member of SPI Scotland, wrote the article that was sent to me via Steve Gerrard, Founder of SUFOG. In short the article Mr. Allan sent pointed out that there is a possibility that the effects we witnessed on these two occasions were possibly caused by Electromagnetic Radiation, be it natural or Man-made. As I noted above, I have an open mind on such explanations and I do agree that such an explanation can account for some reports of anomalous phenomenon such as Ghost's and UFO's. I do, however, have my own theories on what Ghost's are and I have come across the theory of electromagnetics radiation before, during my research into UFO's.

To suitably reply to Brian's letter I have decided to write this article, in which I will cover the following areas :

1. **Short History of the two main areas, (a) Netley Abbey and (b) Royal Victoria Country Park.**
2. **My reply to the main points of Brian's letter.**
3. **My theories as to what ghosts are or could be.**
4. **4. Conclusions.**

So I will begin with a short history that surrounds the two main places that are sited in the two articles, being Netley Abbey and Royal Victoria Country Park. I hope that you enjoy what I have to say regardless of

Netley Abbey, to give it its proper name, The Abbey of St Mary, was proposed by the Bishop of Winchester, Peter des Roches, before his death in 1238. The annals of Waverley record that a colony of monks from Beaulieu, the neighbouring monastery, came to the monastery in Netley on 25th July 1239. However, building work had not progressed far when, in 1251, Henry III undertook the duties of founder and patron. The monasteries official title was The Abbey of St Mary of Edwastow (*Sanctae Mariae de Loco Sancti Edwardi*). The name Edwardstow that appears in the title possibly comes from Henry III devotion to Saint Edward the Confessor. The sites original name is Letley, in the Domesday Book as Letelie or Lettelege in the charter of 1251 ; Netley is a corrupted form of this. In due course the name was turned into Latin form as *Laetus Locus* or The Glad Place, often found as an alternative name for the house.

In 1536, the monastery was dissolved ; this was in spite of it being a royal foundation. However, it was dissolved due to its revenue being only around the sum of £100, all monasteries with income less than £300 were also dissolved.

The ownership of the building then passed to Sir William Paulet, who was later to become Marquis of Winchester. Sir William turned the greater part of the building to a dwelling house ; this is the reason for the survival of what remains at the site. Today much of the mansion building has disappeared leaving only the monastic buildings still evident.

Note : There are many stories about strange goings on around this area. It has been stated that when excavations were done at the site a workman came out of one of the tunnels screaming for it to be sealed up. He never told why it should be sealed up as he died shortly afterwards. There has been much talk of tunnels from this site. The author knows of the entrance to at least one 'Tunnel' or 'Crypt'. Although not the purpose of this article, the author has had many experiences

at this site to be included in appendices.

(b) Royal Victoria Country Park.

Situated in Netley, the Park houses the remains of what was once a military hospital, only a few of the original buildings still remain, including the Officer's mess and the Royal Chapel. The park also houses a military cemetery and a Police training college.

The foundation stone for the hospital was laid on 19th May 1856 by Queen Victoria. Completed in 1863, the hospital housed a quarter mile long ward with a thousand beds. Situated on Southampton Water the hospital was able to receive casualties from over seas via ships that could berth at its pier. The hospital was also furnished with its own branch line in 1900, this was to enable trains to stop as close to the hospital as possible.

The hospital saw casualties from The Boer, First and Second World Wars. During the First World War some 50,000 patients were treated at the hospital and to cope with this a hutted Red Cross hospital was built at the rear of the main hospital. During Word War Two the main hospital was taken over by the Americans in January 1944. In the period between January 1944 and July 1945 American casualties numbered around 68,000 including some 10,000 German casualties also.

Following World War Two the hospital fell into disrepair and was finally demolished in 1966. The Royal Chapel was left standing along with the Army and Navy Psychiatric hospital, which remained at the Netley site until its closure in 1978.

In 1980 the 220-acre site became Royal Victoria Country Park. The Chapel now houses a heritage centre with historical displays.

Note : The park has been home to a variety of strange events, as the chapel and the military cemetery. There is also confirmation of the event witnessed by Steve Gerrard. When Steve saw the candle in the tower of the Chapel it was unknown to us that people who worked there have seen the same thing on other occasions, this fact was discovered by Ernie Sears on a visit to the Park, the stories from park workers was offered to him without him actually mentioning what had been seen by Steve Gerrard.

2. A response to Brian Allan's letter to SUFOG, Dated 8th August 2000.

In his letter to SUFOG Brian states that it his opinion that "the vast majority, if not all, so-called psychic phenomena are attributed to one basic, provable and repeatable constant : *"the propagation of electromagnetic radiation and its effects on human physiology."* He also goes on to state that "this will not sit well with many people" who "will not accept another explanation." I accept that everyone has their own ideas on what things are or might be caused by, so the fact that Brian believes that Ghostly, and other psychic phenomena, are the product of the effects of electromagnetic radiation on *"human physiology"*, is not something that I have a problem with. I have no qualms what so ever in stating that I believe in certain circumstances his theory can explain some phenomena, just not necessarily in the experiences that I have had or those during the reports I made in "A Strange Night" and "The Mystery Continues". I only have one problem with Brian's letter, that being his statement "show me an alternative that is both probable and repeatable, I do not believe that you can." Before I explain why I find this statement troubling, let me first answer some of the questions poised by Brian's letter.

To my knowledge neither of the areas in question is close to Electricity pylons or a Cell phone mast. Only Netley Abbey has an underground stream, this is fed from ponds once part of the Abbey grounds, which was used to carry human waste from the site. The Abbey is constructed of natural stone, predominantly Limestone. The Chapel in Royal Victoria Country Park is constructed from Bricks and Mortar. The Geology of the area is made up of alluvial deposits, mainly clay. To my knowledge we have not had any micro-tremors in this area. I am not aware of whether the Chapel has ever had a fire or been subjected to lightening strikes or lightening 'splash'. Having studied geology and worked with the geology department of Southampton University I am aware of the magnetic properties of metals and certain rocks when put under heating conditions. I am also aware of the Piezio-electric properties of minerals such as quartz. This means that when quartz is put under pressure it gives off a small electric charge, the same principle is used in the ignition switches of gas cookers and fires, where a small ceramic pellet is electronically

charged and when the button is pressed the pellet is compressed so giving off a small spark.

With regards to those present on the two occasions I can state the following . Knowing where most of the individuals live I am unaware of anyone living in close proximity to any pylons, substations or cell phone/microwave towers. With regards to anyone ever being exposed to a lightening strike or 'splash', I am unaware of anyone being exposed to either in the time I have known them I myself have never been exposed to either of these effects. I have had two MRI scans to look at knee problems, so I am aware of the sounds generated during these scans, however I have yet to experience anything like them during my experiences.

It is my assumption that due to the lack of any electromagnetic sources in the areas of what was experienced, that EM radiation does not account for the things we experienced during the nights in question. However, at this time the group does not possess anything capable of measuring such EM fields, should one become available in the future I would be prepared to take readings in all areas that activity has been experienced. So what does explain the things we experienced ? This brings me back to the point I made earlier, about a provable and repeatable explanation. Why does there always have to be a provable and repeatable explanation for everything ? Why does the scientific community feel they have to explain everything for us ? Is it not possible that, even at our present technological level, human-kind does not have the capabilities to answer every question that is posed ?

It is my belief that Steve Gerrard and myself did experience some strange events as described in '*A Strange Night*'. I believe Steve did see the light in the chapel tower, and I believe that we did see these strange flashes of light, something I have witnessed at Netley Abbey, even though I am still not sure as to their exact cause. I do not think that the light flashes were any kind of mis-interpretation or imagination. For example, let me tell you of one such episode of these light flashes.

During a ghost watch at Netley Abbey, done with a paranormal investigation group to which I used to belong, I experienced two flashes of light out of the corner of my eye ; very similar to those experienced at Victoria Park. This event took place in the infirmary of Netley Abbey with the other people present, one of whom was a medium, these two other people saw the light flashes as bright flashes of intense white light that arced over me, across the walls and roof of the room we were in. The lights were not caused by car headlights or torches, and I do not think they were connected to the fact that the small stream runs the outside wall of this area. It was a strange incident that will not forget in a hurry.

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SUFOG DIARY - 2000..

Group Meetings
(Venue - The CIU Club, Victoria
Road, Netley Abbey,
Southampton..
7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m...)
(£2 per meeting)

17th May 2001

21st June 2001

19th July 2001

16th August 2001

20th September 2001

18th October 2001

15th November 2001

20th December 2001

Other diary dates...

**SUFOG Avebury Weekend Sky
Watch 4th August 2001....**

Quest Conference
21 - 23rd September....

BUFORA Lecture...
2nd October 2001..
Steve Gerrard & Steve Rider

**18th November : Steve Gerrard
lecture in Norfolk.**

**Please contact the Editor before
the above dates to confirm that the
Sky Watch / Meeting are still
going ahead. This is because Sky
Watch's are likely to be
cancelled / changed due to
weather conditions, and other
commitments that the editor is not
aware of at the time of publication
of the newsletter..**



YE OLDE NEWSPAPER
REVIEWS BY ERNIE
SEARS ESQ.

Not a lot of UFOlogical stuff this time but much more attention being paid to the more "spiritual" and out of body and life after death for want of better descriptions. A situation unsurprising to many of us who've taken such on board for many years. A sign, perhaps, of what might lie ahead in the not so distant future. Connections with UFO's etc doesn't suffer. Rather does it broaden our "minds" as to the true "reality" of all that affects us under the blanket title of "life".

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY 31st Jan, ran a cartoon by Mahood with the familiar Adamski model scout ship out of which comes an "alien" complete with obligatory antennas sprouting from its head and waving a passport form in front of a bemused looking cow, as it asks, "take me to your Mr Vaz". Hopefully you'll get the drift..

PORTSMOUTH NEWS, Feb. 8th, ran an excellent 2 pager on UFOlogical goings on over Portsdown Hill during many years.. My first sighting took place there in 1960 and involved a pursuit by two jets.. And in so doing the paper gave our own SUFOG a boost with its inclusion of that 19th May 2000 sighting and video we posses, also a mention of yours truly and front page photo to boot. This followed a follow up I made over another News article which I thought had fallen on stony ground... but no ! Anyone who'd like a photo copy please contact me. SAE required please.

DAILY MAIL Feb 9th did a whole page with coloured pink UFO video shot of just one incident over the Peak district of many such.. All between September 2000 and January 2001. One such sighting involved a witness describing a 'giant disc with a bite taken out of the bottom, yellow, orange, and blue lights, with markings and a dark circle in the centre, which hovered over woods and pulsated until it suddenly "went". Filmed on video.

DAILY EXPRESS Feb. 17th ran a two pager on the sightings around Scotland's Bonnybridge still ongoing, it seems, well illustrated with a still from Close Encounters of the Third Kind, a photo from a Roswell Festival, and, not surprisingly, one of councillor Billy Buchanan who wants Bonnybridge twinned with Roswell among other plans.

DAILY EXPRESS Feb. 18th followed with another two pager on Bonnybridge with stories of abductions and close encounter sightings in that area. Added to by a rundown of the 1947 events at Roswell.. True and/or untrue.

DAILY MAIL Feb. 19th got into the "life after death" act once more with that research by Southampton University Hospital that features Dr. Sam Parnia who I've had occasional contact with for a few years on the subject. He kindly sent me the teams "Horizon" magazine recently since my own experiences of "life after death" now and in the past take a personal viewpoint and once again I reiterate connections twixt UFO's and their occupants etc.

THE EXPRESS... they have dropped the "**DAILY**" PREFIX.. Of Feb. 22nd had more of the "life after death" in a two page spread... Dr's Parnia and Peter Fenwick give evidence which mostly backs up what "spiritualists" have been saying for many years. Psychologist Carl Jung had a heart attack in 1944 and afterwards described during which he found himself out of the body looking down on his Sri Lanka home and Ceylon, along with the Himalayan mountain range, in, as he said, a state of ecstasy and bliss. Jung later gave his views of UFOs, often quoted. A nurse watching over Jung during his heart attack said he had been surrounded by a 'bright glow'.

THE EXPRESS of the 23rd Feb. again returned to the subject with stories from readers who had also experienced a 'glimpse of the other side' as the headline had it. Dramatic and very believable.

THE DAILY MAIL, March 1st, had a letters page pretty well devoted to the life after death subject.. Both for and against... sceptics as usual ignored the FACTS as related by doctors and patients.. Even one doctor wrote that it was all a fallacy and 'wishful thinking'. Sounds familiar ?

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH of March 4th ran a big article on that study of life after death at the University of Arizona which made the headlines in much of the media, illustrated by a still from the 1990 film "Ghost" which I've seen at least twice and found very factual as to what we then

knew. Using mediums and hidden sitters, the study came up with an 83% accuracy of something the scientists described as Something Extraordinary'.

THE DAILY MAIL of March 5th ran a full page article by noted paranormalist author Colin Wilson, the headline of which said 'Yes, there IS somebody out there (and if you don't believe it, read on)'. So, although, I MUST, like UFO's believe it from personal experience, I read on ! Using that Arizona University experiment and other anecdotes of the subject, world-wide, Colin Wilson put a very good case. Having carried out what I call "involuntary mediumship" which often comes about when "healing" patients, myself, I have been totally convinced for years... since close encounters in 1978... a not unique side effect of such.

THE DAILY MAIL, 10th March, did another 2 pager.. A Mail reporters initial visit to a medium... the headline explains that she 'talked with her father months after his death'. The information the medium gave her... neither had ever met before... was so accurate that she was left with the feeling that one day it all might bring "understanding". This is the whole crux of the matter. Our understanding must be TOTAL.. Otherwise there is no way OUT of the mess mankind is making of the world and consequently their lives.

PSYCHIC NEWS 17th March, ran a whole front page.. Not surprisingly!.. On all the preceding items with some interesting additions. The Richard and Judy morning show on ITV was highlighted... I managed to catch the last 10 minutes of that... and Psychic News Editor Lyn de Swarte told how resident sceptic Ray Persuad.. We've seen HIM in action on UFO subjects.. Was 'visibly startled' and a 'less blinkered recipient might have accepted evidence of the survival of individual consciousness'. BBC Radio Newcastle had a phone-in that jammed their switchboards and later asked Lyn de Swarte if she would comment on the Arizona experiments.. Even faxed her in advance so they could use it on the program. Also on "PN's" front page an Australian retired solicitor and Attorney of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia, and author of an "afterlife" book, offers a million dollars to anyone who can prove that the afterlife does not and cannot exist ! A neat twist to a familiar ploy ! Could also apply to UFO's? think about it ! In the same issue of "PN" was printed a whole page on my own UFO and "ghost" experiences headed "Ernie Sears shares more of His Synchronistic Experiences"... to which I've

since written a sequel on the Hinchcliffe matter.. See previous SUFOG magazine. Those Royal Victoria Park spooky visitations also mentioned as indeed they should be. We must be quietly satisfied at being, apparently, the UFO group who have more individual UFO videos in their files and more "ghost" encounters than anyone... especially the "EXPERTS" like Wiseman, Blackmore, etc !

THE MIRROR of a March date (eliminated !) brought up by that highly covert Bilderberg group from where it's been hidden for a while... reporter Jon Ronson got a face to face with one prominent "invitee" but came to a brick wall when asking too pertinent a question ! However, titles such as "Secret World Government", "Powerful Clique", etc strikes home as to how many of us view the Bilderberg lot as being. Margaret Thatcher was once invited and asked to speak.. She eventually did, for three minutes.. Whatever she said... can you imagine?.. She was never invited again! Peter Mandelson was seen arriving at the Portugal conference. Food for thought, eh?

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY, April 1st (!) had a letter from a lady confirming some one else's letter on "life after Death" and her experience with a medium completely unknown to her who relayed intimate facts from her "dead" son who had committed suicide at 21. Even events at his funeral and graveside were 100% true. The rose that fell off his coffin as it was being carried. Even the argument the lady and her husband had over planting silk flowers on his grave... and much more personal matters.

THE MIRROR supplied one of two STOP PRESS cuttings on the 5th April ! This one from John Michell of the paper's "Psychic Team"... see earlier.. And depicts the 1952 Adamski encounter both in a simulated picture and wordage that covers the most impossibility of space travel. After pointing out the snags.. Although John alleges he's seen several UFOs but not aliens so that's that then !.. He says mind and spirit can travel on UFO's and ancient text about elves, imps, mischievous spirits, and demons that Mitchell says are what we now call ET's, so there !

THE DAILY MAIL did a full page on Ghost Encounters of the more sinister kind on the

same date, 5th April... not the last word by any means? Fay Weldon relates her own experience of living in a haunted house at Saffron Waldon, Essex. The house being of Elizabethan vintage, lent itself to weeping in the night, her cats hissing and staring at nothing as its fur stood on end, until the weeping got so bad, right outside her bedroom door all one night, she packed and left with her baby to stay with friends. Last year Fay heard from a friend that the new owners of the house had just had an exorcism done... which she herself tried too.. So gathers the ghost's still there, 'furious and stubborn' as she concludes. The second Mail story has reporter Bel-Mooney in an old manor in Devon in the late seventies which she and her brother bought at a knockdown price at auction. A brigadier had owned it and died there. Seems he turned up one dark stormy night and 'loomed' over her as she lay shaking in her bed! The experience stayed with her, a streetwise 32 year old journalist, for years, until it inspired her to write a 1997 novel wherein a ghost has a dialogue with his wife to whom he'd been unfaithful. There you go then... the "spooks" got the last word this time! Or was it the "aliens" feeding on our emotions again?



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

BUFORA BULLETIN magazine extra interesting this February issue... lengthy and very sympathetic tributes to the late Robert Lindsey, long-time BUFORA member and council stalwart of same... whose technical and other skills was apparently essential to the UFO enigma study and discussion for BUFORA and indeed all those who required such. Second interview by Malcolm Robinson with Tony Bassett whose "mind machines" will undoubtedly attract attention for OOBEE experimenters if proved out. Quotes range from £15 to £250 ! Sighting summaries include a January 2001 such from Kent which looks interesting. My own article... as seen in SUFOG magazine... followed by Bob Digby requesting feedback from members as to the future of BUFORA concerning its financial stature after forty years and input from John Spencer concerning "other areas" of the paranormal.. Significant as many will agree, myself in particular and SUFOG members will understand that. Lionel Beer contributes an article on Matthew Williams who "croppies" will need no introduction to. Matthew replaced the 'irascible' (quote!) Albert Budden at BUFORA's January lecture and members heard Matthew Williams relating the in depth reasons etc for his crop circle "deceptions". Investigations Diary by Gloria Heather Dixon extremely interesting... this lady always IS !... extraordinary experiences show how Heather is what I call an "aware" person and is well versed in current paranormal areas that are inextricably linked with UFOlogy. A 1978 sighting from KENT that she quotes is very intriguing to yours truly concerning "lights" displayed by a craft and I shall be writing to BUFORA pointing out the similarities to one of my encounters in that same year. February 2001 sightings from Cheshire and Scotland are reported. Membership queries from BM BUFORA, London, WC1N 3XX.

OVNI arrived in it's usual cheery yellow cover and editor/group leader of the Phenomenon Research Association Omar Fowler takes us back to the very early days of UFOlogy in his editorial page... 'the never ending story'... an arguable statement I reckon ! Barney and Betty Hill, Adamski, and those Papuan encounters by many witnesses, Hopkinsville etc...incredible at the time but all left question marks to this very day. Believe me, you had to be "around" then to understand the impact ! OVNI carries the latest Derbyshire sightings... January and February this year, those triangles again and both by the same witness. Crop Circle photographer Busty Taylor reports 'green coolie hat' UFO near Andover in December 2000 ! Adamski model? See? Recent Mexico volcano eruptions produced photos of UFO sightings. Those Chupacabras reported again in Chile. Flying Triangle activity from Merseyside. New (?) Majestic documents 1942 and 1961 shown. 56K UPWARDS and "Acrobat Reader" site. The 2001 Leeds International UFO Conference details... looks VERY good ! Texas and Washington sightings in 2000 and 2001. Desmond Leslie , Adamski's close friend and co-author,

passed away recently. Once again, a worthwhile magazine, stay off that website stuff, Omar, they're all going crunch ! Once I've deciphered my brand new e.mailer phone thingy, all will speed up ! OVNI costs £1.00 bi-monthly from Omar at 94 The Circle, Sinfon, Derby, DE24 9H.

IFO NEWSLETTER from the Wales Federation of Independent UFOlogists. Winter/Spring issue 2001 is a 5 pager by Federation members well known to us all, Margaret Fry and Gary Rowe. Sighting reports include explanation of one by means of intense research ! 1970 abduction in full detail with 60 minutes plus "missing time" and cogent memories of "aliens" etc. Newsletter apparently available to IFO members only as no subs given.

THE AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN March 2001 issue... the EDITORIAL touches on the earlier UFOlogy scene and the latest scientific organisation NARCAP.. The National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena who intend to treat the subject in a 'serious manner'. Paul Norman gives us the real nitty gritty stories behind seemingly suspect contemporary UFO stories as well as the genuine looking ones ! Sightings from 1962, 64 and 68 follow. Then 2 dramatic near misses follow, circa 1967, in great detail. UFO reports from Australia, Florida, The Pyrenees, Mexico, Missouri, while the testing of a new American Air Force missile from a South Pacific Island was interrupted by a large disc-type UFO... in 1950 ! I'm always struck by the many reports that the Australian region seems to have.. Almost akin to the earlier USA ones and just as dramatic.. Maybe their technology, the vast land areas thinly populated, or maybe the state of MIND of the population seemingly unhindered by what the West is currently suffering from ! Any ideas? Whatever.. A useful and interesting magazine published by the Victorian Research Society, Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

ENIGMA... Two issues, 19 and 20, are very welcome from Paul Vigay after a long long silence ! Sub title; The Independent Research Centre for Unexplained Phenomena. Pocket sized as hitherto... and with colour illustrations now, issue 19 is entirely devoted to the crop circle phenomena of 1999, world-wide, so a very useful addition to your files I'd reckon. One illustration from Canada is so complex one cannot believe it is a hoaxed... being a sort of combination of many symbols. The overwhelming section of UK formations contains some designs that also seem to point to a "genuine" source... although 1999 was of course before the

frequent "claims" by the hoaxing fraternity no longer content with anonymity and financed by the media ! As Paul says in his preface, a weird kind of ego ! Issue 20 is headed UFO's and so it is. Documents "classic" UFO cases from over many years, with appropriate comments.. Rendlesham, Roswell, Belgium Gulf Breeze, Foo Fighters, Mexico, Socorro, Washington, Kenneth Arnold and the Maury Island Mystery etc etc. Followed by a section detailing the possibly sinister deaths... '33 people.. Yeah, 33, who died, some in mysterious circumstances... one who was decapitated (lost his head in more ways than usual !) got a "natural causes" verdict from the coroner ! ALL connected with Bill Clinton and in addition, 12 of Clinton's bodyguard's died ! Those of us who are very aware of the gigantic cover-up "industry" won't be surprised. I mean, how about the American pair who were said to have died 'after falling asleep on a railroad track' ? Happened to be just before they were due to testify before a Grand Jury. Enigma issue 20 also has a chapter on GM Food by a biophysicist... also called genetic engineering in the past. You have been warned ! Elsewhere in the mag : Patents applied for for atmosphere control and thus the weather ! List of all Enigma publications from one to 20. Edited by Paul Vigay.... A guy I can relate to who is, however, difficult to get replies from unless you are on the internet !.. 104 Manners Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO4 0BG, Tel : 023 9287 1530, e-mail : pvigay@cropcirclesearch.com £8 four issues.

AWARENESS magazine of Contact International UFO Research dropped into my surprised hands at the last SUFOG meeting.. Surprised as I had been talking about our "awareness" to those present just a few minutes beforehand. Oh well ! It's a neat little pocket sized effort... smart cover with another Adamski type Scout ship and various gnomes, elves, toadstools, etc rampant so par for the course ! More of the same follows... is Matthew Williams, arch crop hoaxer affecting us... or is he a martyr, self inflicted, to stand up in court and get crop circles into public view more ? After Williams comes Cultist activity in rural Essex, Bicester crash

explained, the passing of Cynthia Hind, South African UFO contactees etc then sightings, 1996, 2000 and 1980, over the UK. UFO's in the Iconography and the Bible text... well that's different if not new ! Michael Soper on do UFO and natural radiations inspire ? Compares them with church spires, bells therein, pyramids and missing capstones etc.. Enough ? Malcolm Robinson's "Military Mind Control and alien abduction?" article continues the theme including implants and such... brrrr ! A relief to get onto astronomy then, but more of the same was Geoff Ambler's article on Derek Sheffield's - UFO; A deadly Concealment" book. Skull duggery and accusations of such unfounded. So that was "Awareness". From Po Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL. Subs £9 for 4. Certainly gives one food for thought even if indigestible in parts!

UFO MAGAZINE.. Ah ! Sub titled 'The Truth Is Coming'.. Well it has been, for yonks, although gut feeling says it's true alright ! Contents dramatic as ever... the Warton mystery plane surfaces.. Or does it? News covers the globe with it's sighting reports. Monthly publication of UFO MUST be good news... since it could mean there's MORE going on? The Bentwaters affair rumbles on says Nick Redfern... if anyone knows Nick does ! Lord Hill-Norton asks questions ref. Rendlesham. My own MP isn't far behind either ! Only with more parochial UFO incidents! Georgina Bruni's new book 'controversial' it says... well, it WOULD be! Spacecraft over the UK in 1646? Hmm ! John Mack's "Passport To The Cosmos" might well open the gates to the TRUTH... the experiencers speak. That Roswell memo computerised to decipher true contents. Does a Stealth aircraft "explain" Mojave Desert photo and sighting? "Son of Star Wars" missile shield questions. Those prolific "spheres" again, near space shuttle. More of the same once again assures us that UFO Magazine tells it like it is, whatever is behind it all, and thus remains a top seller in the better shops or by subs. All queries to Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9DW.

Future Plans for SUF0G in 2001..

In August, there will be our annual pilgrimage to Avebury in Wiltshire and a chance for members to spend time among the ancient standing stones. This weekend will include a sky watch from early evening on the Saturday night, until around 5 - 6 a.m. in the morning on the Sunday, followed by breakfast (barbeque) on the Sunday morning in the car park adjoining Silbury Hill. The previous visits have both yielded some interesting sightings especially of 2 'UFO's' on both years. This is a fun weekend, but it also has a serious side to it, looking at and investigating the Crop Circle Enigma. Seats are very limited to only 12 people and the pick up point will be at 2 places both in Southampton. So, have a think about it and let me know if you are interested and the cost, £15 for the weekend including travelling and hot food Saturday night / Sunday morning. So, cheques payable to The Southampton UFO Group please, and the closing date for this will be the **15th JULY**. It will be on a first come first served basis. We regret that the money is non-refundable if you are unable to make it on the day. Lets hope the current foot and mouth problem is sorted out by then, otherwise, we will have to think again.

Also, we are planning a group open day in October around the 27th, where group members have a chance to get together and meet face to face. Hopefully, there will be a number of static displays along with tables with items for sale ranging from books, magazines, video tapes and CD ROM's and a lot more. Also, we are hopping to invite one or two speakers along for the day to make a presentation to us. There will be an update on all video footage either sent to SUF0G or those 'objects' recorded on SUF0G sky watches. Ticket prices have not yet been decided, but hopefully, they will be around the £5 per person region depending on the cost of the speakers and the venue hire charges. We hope to have speakers covering areas such as UFO's, Crop Circles, and The Moon Mystery. More details concerning this event will be made available in the next SUF0G newsletter in June, along with ticket prices and venue/ speaker details.

So, make a date with SUF0G and remember that the group was set up for its members and without members support, then The Southampton UFO Group will not survive. So, be there or be an armchair UFOlogist...

Steve Gerrard...

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I also accept what happened to Steve Gerrard on our next visit to Victoria Park, when he experienced something akin to seeing through the eyes of a dead soldier. At the time I said to him that maybe he had been there before in a previous life. However, it is also possible that he was picking up the emotion experienced by a long dead soldier, because he was just in the right place at the right time. What the real answer to this



remains to be seen, but I have seen this happen to people before during my investigations, I have even experienced something similar during a night spent at Calshot Castle near Southampton. On this particular occasion I picked up on the experiences of some prisoners of war who were kept there.

I'm not going to dismiss Brian's theory just because I do not think it explains what we experienced those two nights. However, I would like to test it more should I ever get access to a magnetometer. I am also not going to offer another explanation. All I will say, is that I do believe some ghosts are actual 'spirits' of those who have passed on, but I will explain this more in the next section.

3. My theories as to what ghosts are or could be.

Before I indicate just what I believe a ghost to be it is worth noting something that is of significance. It is a fundamental fact that energy does not die, it only changes form. So with this in mind, the brain, which controls all, we do and houses our 'consciousness' is, as Brian rightly points out a "bio-electrical device". So when our bodies die,

what happens to the energy that is contained within that 'bio-electrical device'? We know that energy can not just die, but changes its form, so what does it become? As the brain controls our consciousness and us does that energy become a new level of consciousness? Or a new being altogether? It is definitely something to consider.

During the years that I have been actively researching the paranormal I have experienced many different types of ghostly phenomena, but not a poltergeist. I have experienced cases where only I was present, cases where there were two or more people observing the same event and incidents where only some members of a group were able to witness the phenomena. The theories that I have reached so far amount to what follows.

- Ghosts are the spirits or the essence of those whose bodies have ceased to function. These spirits come back to this earth because they have a purpose, something they need to impart to a loved one or friend. They may also still be on this earth because they do not realise, or cannot accept that they have passed on. Where do these spirits go when they pass over? This is a question we would all like to know something that I would be much more comfortable knowing. Could it be possible that we go on to exist in another dimension, in our new form? I mentioned above that energy does not die, it just transforms. So could it be that our spirit becomes a being of light that goes on to another higher existence. Many people who have reported NDE (Near Death Experience) have reported seeing a place of light and people they know in this great light. Although this maybe controversial, some Abductees have reported seeing beings of light and being told by the 'aliens' that this is what we become when we die. Betty Andreasson was told this during one abduction and was able to experience being one of these beings of light. Whatever the real answer is still remains a mystery at this time.
- It is also my opinion that some ghosts are a recording on the surrounding environment. It may be that something

very emotional has taken place, like a battle or a road accident, which has left an imprint on the environment where it took place. When the conditions are just right some people can observe the event, or part of it, as it happened months or even years ago.

- It is also a possibility that some ghostly manifestations are the result of an external stimulus. It could be that someone is depressed and has experienced as 'vision' of someone that was the product of his or her depression. It is also possible that some people, who are susceptible to EM radiation etc, as Brian stated in his letter, could experience similar phenomena to that experienced by our group.
- I also believe that some phenomena ; particularly poltergeist phenomena, may be produced by the person at which it is centred. Most poltergeist cases centre on a young child or teenager who is at the age of puberty. It is possible that at this time of bodily change that the youngster in question is unknowingly producing the phenomena themselves via some form of extra sensory power that is produced during this time of bodily change. When this power is properly focused by some it can produce poltergeist like phenomena. However, again I do not believe this is the case 100% of the time. I still feel that there are bonafide cases of poltergeist activity, but it is something that I have not experienced firsthand so this is only an opinion.

4. Conclusions.

The main conclusions I have reached as a result of this ongoing investigation are as follows :

1. It is my opinion that as of this time what myself and members of SUFOG experienced was not the result of EM radiation.
2. The investigation will be considered ongoing as not all questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
3. The sites require testing with a Tri-field meter or other suitable instrument for

detecting Electromagnetic fields.

4. In my opinion some ghosts are the spirits of the dead. However, I also consider that some may indeed have a quite natural explanation.
5. Although I have ruled out the EM explanation. It is possible that some of what we have experienced could be due to some form of emotion or trauma being recorded on the environment.
6. I am unable to provide a testable and repeatable scientific explanation as I feel that there is not necessarily one that can be provided at this time.

In closing I would like to mention that all the comments and theories offered are that of the authors and not necessarily that of SUFOG.

I will keep everyone updated as things progress in this case.

Should anybody wish to know more on why I believe some ghostly manifestations are indeed real I would only be to willing to answer these queries in the SUFOG Newsletter. Please feel free to direct all correspondence to :

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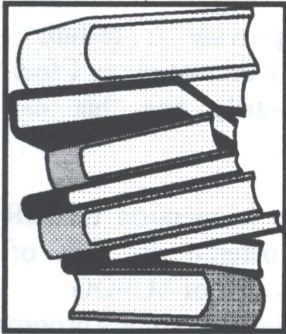
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(Steve Gerrard—SUFOG Editor)

Book Review..

TITLE : Aliens Speak (1) and (2) **AUTHOR :** Edmund L. Blandford. **PUBLISHER :** Lee Books, Edmund L. Blandford, 88 Ashford Road, Hastings, England. TN34 2HZ. **PRICE:** See Author for Price. **ISBN:** 0-9539870-0-0.



The subject of UFO's and aliens always brings forward derision from the ardent sceptics and debunkers, they tell us that there is no such proof of alien visitation and that we are all very much alone. Claims made by UFO abductees and witnesses

would seem to suggest (if they are not all lying !) that there is indeed a very serious issue afoot. This book will certainly be hard to swallow by those aforementioned sceptics and debunkers for the main thrust of this book is the author's 'own' channelled messages from many different 'space beings'. Indeed I would go so far as to say that I was totally astonished nay astounded, at the vast amount of different 'space beings' that would seem to populate the vastness of space (if the author is to be believed).

I am always suspicious of alleged 'channelled messages' (I shouldn't be because this reviewer is a Spiritualist) nonetheless I would question the author's information from these 'space beings' mainly because of the information that all these different beings impart. The vast majority of all imparted information is much the same, but more to the point. It is all written in the same style. If this information was indeed coming from different 'beings', then one would surely expect that the text and style would be vastly different ! It's not, it all reads the same. (O.K. one might say but that's because it's put into the words that we can understand !!) Now having said that, and in defence of the author, I can only surmise that when this information has been channelled through him, he has written it down in his 'own' style and understanding which would explain why all these different 'beings' speak the same and the style is the same. So what are the messages contained in this book ? What are all these different 'space beings' trying to tell us ?

Wee first and foremost, is the surprising fact that all these 'space beings' are not from far flung worlds, they are in point of fact, very close to us, most of them are within our own solar system but we can't see

or detect them due to them being on a different vibratory wavelength, all very convenient I'm sure. They are peace loving people who live in buildings similar to our own, the Questros however live in our oceans but again are undetected by us due to them living in a different frequency to us. The author has had channelled messages from beings such as the , Ulo, Azund, Mendites, Ishtar, Turians, Questro, Rondites, etc etc. the vast majority of these 'beings' are humanoid in stature who wear strange head gear. The messages coming from all the author's 'space beings' tell us that they are concerned that planet Earth and our experiments with nuclear weapons may well cause problems in their environment should it get out of hand. All of these 'beings' are peace loving people who are much concerned with the problems on Earth, they can't openly interfere as we as a world have to take control of our own destiny without the help of others. What I found most interesting was the part in the book which mentioned legendary UFO Contactee, George Adamski, apparently George told the author (Edmund Blandford) that his basic claims of meeting a Venusian in a Californian desert was true. The author was further informed by his own channelled contacts that it was a 'being' known as Cirian from a race of 'beings' known as 'Ceuvans' who met Adamski. They only met once and the author was told by the 'Ceuvans' that the vast majority of George Adamski's book on his encounter with space beings was highly embellished (page 77).

There are a number of drawn illustrations of the 'space beings' that the author has seen over the years, some look pure ridiculous, but then again, what should an 'alien' look like !! Researchers the world over have heard all these space messages a hundred times before and it pains those researchers that we never have any concrete proof, something that will hold up, something that can be shown to be true, either of direct intervention on the part of these 'space beings', i.e., coming forward onto

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The Best UFO Lecture I Have Ever Seen...
Malcolm Robinson Report on the BUFORA
London Lecture..

I am 43 years of age and in all my UFOlogical years of travelling around the country attending UFO lectures and having seen many speakers from all continents, I have to say with hand on heart, last night's (5th March) BUFORA London lecture surpassed anything that I have ever seen before.

Councillor Billy Buchanan gave an excellent, nay wonderful presentation on the UFO phenomenon that has been (and still is) occurring over the small town of Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire. His lecture was crammed full of slides, acitates and video which all went to highlight the multiple UFO phenomenon that has fascinated people the world over. He spoke about the sightings, the town in general, it's history, the ridicule that the Bonnybridge townsfolk have encountered, the UFO Theme park, and his twinning the town of Bonnybridge and Roswell New Mexico. Only last week Billy was featured on an American radio show with the mayor of Roswell, who himself, felt that it was a wonderful idea and that he was all for it. The mayor of Roswell had even read about the UFO sightings over Bonnybridge himself (They were in the local Roswell newspaper !).

Billy bounded across the floor last night with enthusiasm that knew no bounds, his character, and humour had the audience in stitches, but like he said himself, *"it's telling it like it is"*.

I have never seen such a performance of character and downright 'in yer face' facts of a situation. His face was contorted as he stressed his frustration to the audience of his demands that John Major the then Prime Minister of this country, and Tony Blair come to Bonnybridge where we would show them all the facts and figures of what has been going on. M.P. for Falkirk District Dennis Canavan also let us down, a man elected to serve the people of this country, (DIDN'T) and glibly sleeked away into the distance not wanting to hear the concerns of the people of Falkirk and Stirlingshire as they demanded that he assist Councillor Buchanan and myself with forcing a Government enquiry.

Billy also spoke about the only (that we know so far) case of UFO Abduction coming from Bonnybridge when a local man had taken his wife's sister up the back woods of Bonnybridge for a sexual liaison !!! A large UFO was seen, then what the witness described as some very tall black 'men' !! Took him forcibly into what could only be described

as a UFO where he was forced to have sex with... wait for it... what could only be described as a large blomonge !!! Absolutely crazy I know. Billy said that this man who told him this weird and unbelievable tale, was quite a hard man in the community and not someone you would like to meet in a dark alley. But this man broke down in tears (after apologising to Billy that he was 'off his head and all these UFOs were nonsense') for he knew otherwise. He knew his story would never be believed, especially the sexual part, but he had to tell it. Billy checked into the man's back-ground and found out that when he was a boy, he suffered continuous nosebleeds and a strange pellet like 'thing' was removed from his nose. (Implants ? Who knows, probably not, but that's something you should know).

This lecture will have to be heard again to a more larger audience and as BUFORA's lecture organiser I aim to ensure that this will be so. Words cannot convey how special, how entertaining, and how fantastic last night's BUFORA London lecture was. I'll tell you this, UFOlogy needs more people like Councillor Billy Buchanan to fight the cause, to seek justice for the UFO community who seek answers to this age old mystery.

To those people out there who, like myself are seeking speakers for your society and club, you could do no better than seeking the services of Billy Buchanan. You will never forget your night of UFOlogy, the facts, figures, and honesty of this man fighting the UFOlogical cause of trying to get answers to the Bonnybridge UFO phenomenon, will take your breath away.

In conclusion the. The Scottish Councillor has been trying to get Parliament and the British Government to take a serious look at the UFO sightings in Scotland. He refuses to be told to shut up. The ridicule that this man has had to endure over the years would be enough for any other normal man to be institutionalised, and yet he has been re-elected 4 times since 1992 the alleged start of the UFO sightings over Bonnybridge. Clearly the people have 'faith' in the man.

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**The State of Modern UFOlogy -
A Personal Perspective..**

What follows, you may not and probably will not agree with.. The decision is obviously yours. Over the past 6 or 7 years, UFOlogy has taken a nose dive as far as I and the SUFOG records are concerned. Other things within UFOlogy has made me sit up and ask WHY ?

Books... Over the years many books have been written about the UFO subject, some good and some appalling. So, I made the decision to sell part of my book collection. So, of the 555 books in my collection, I now possess only 165. I have sold all books from 1980 with the odd exception, because, I feel that the majority of British UFO authors regurgitate the same old stories, but 'dressed up'. In the past 3 years, I have bought 1 book and that was Timothy Goods latest book, because I feel he gets off his backside and does the research himself and writes a book worth reading. As fewer and fewer books appear on the shelves, we must ask ourselves... Why ?

Magazines... Over the past 5 years, we have seen many UFO group magazines fall by the way side.. Skysearch (Larry Dean), London UFO Studies (Roy Lake) and others that have just found the costs etc too much. We have seen less and less magazines on the open shelves and now the only magazine left is UFO Magazine... But.. The magazine is now going Monthly.. But the cover price is still remaining £2.50.. So over the 12 months, the cost is going to be £30 !! Who can afford such a hike. Many people I have spoken to are not happy at the moment, many with the content and this has put them off buying the magazine in the future. Also, the Recent 2001 Directory was to say the least very poor indeed. Some of the errors...

1. A number of the groups mentioned no longer exist and have not existed for between 4 - 5 years.
2. The addresses are inaccurate.. SUFOG postal address shows SO2 9EE and our telephone number shows 01703 and not 02380.
3. It appears that Quest just trawled through their old address book and published the addresses. Not very good for a UFO group publication and not at all accurate !!

Since 1995 we have had a steady decline in the number of exchange magazines etc as is shown from

the following chart...

1995	150
1996	129
1997	133
1998	84
1999	64
2000	39

Press Cuttings.. This again is another area that over the past 5 years has steadily declined. With the loss of the CSETI cutting service from Quest International and the loss of the BUFORA press cutting service, I now have to go abroad to get my cuttings in America which leads to a 3 or 4 month delay in keeping up with the press. Again, from the listing below, we can see how this has tapered off... Also, many magazines seem to be turning to the internet to fill their pages

1995	697
1996	1053
1997	691
1998	416
1999	385
2000	274

with reports and events going on around the world. British UFOlogy is well an truly on the back burners and how is it expected to survive another 10 years, as I see it, UFOlogy could be dead and buried by then. Not because the phenomenon will have an answer, because UFOlogy is gradually being eaten from the inside and eventually, there will be nothing left, not even enough for the vultures to pick clean. The comparison of UFOlogy being an old oak tree with the trunk being 'UFOlogy' and the branches being the subjects that branch out like abduction, mutilations, Area 51 etc. But, eventually that oak tree will rot and come down to earth with a big thud... And UFOlogy will be no more....

Groups Folding Many groups over the past few years have gone by the wayside and only exist in name.. Essex UFO Research Group (Formerly Ron West's group) has stopped holding public meetings until September / October 2001, London UFO Studies (Roy Lake) again although exists in name, has curtailed most meetings, no longer has membership and a magazine. Skysearch (Larry Dean) again, exists in name only, no more public meetings or magazine.. Why ? Well, I would imagine a lot of the problems is the lack of help from others and keeping the group running on your own and I know how they feel sometimes !!

Conferences.. Again, we see very few in this country and the main ones are held in Blackpool, Leeds and Cornwall... A long way to travel and this puts people off. Also, the cost of putting on a conference can run into hundreds of pounds and the quality of speakers in the UK I am afraid means either we see them time and again at conferences or they are charging excessive prices to speak at them (I understand one well know British speaker wants £500 per lecture !!). So with these kinds of prices, venue costs etc, small groups cannot afford to hold conferences, where as Quest International has cornered the market as with the 2001 conference with John Mack and Budd Hopkins from America.

Meetings.. Like other groups, SUFOG has suffered from attendances at meetings from numbers in the 50+ to only 8 people on occasions. Group meeting numbers hover around 12 people per meeting and group membership hovers at around 56 - 60 people. We, like other, try to get the numbers up, but apathy or something seems to be behind this. People would rather be 'ARMCHAIR UFOLOGISTS' rather than get off their backsides and go to group meetings, join in sky watches and just generally let others do the work for them.

Passing on .. Over the past few years many respected researchers have passed on such as Cynthia Hines (Africa), Arthur Tomlinson, Desmond Leslie (Author) and Ron West (Essex UFO Research Group). People have come and gone and many great researchers have passed on to pastures new. And, as this happens over the coming years, the expertise in the subject will be replaced by jumped up, student-type, wet behind the ears researchers and UFOlogy will be in a deeper mess than it is now.

So ... What can the researchers that have UFOlogy in their hands do with it... The future is in our hands and if certain quarters of UFOlogy do not get their house into order, then UFOlogy will fade into the

distance and be forgotten.. Forever. If it was not for the 'dedicated' researcher that belong to SUFOG, didn't get off their backsides and go out and watch the stars, then UFOlogy will become an armchair enthusiasts / Internet friendly subject area. 'Dedication is what you need' is what Roy Castle use to say many many years ago on record breakers. If you haven't got this, then you won't succeed... UFO groups will not succeed ... So... What can we do about it... Well, SUFOG is currently involved in a number of TV ventures, advertising, lectures, high profile appearances at conferences around the country. We are making ourselves known and we are not afraid to get out of our 'ARMCHAIRS' and get off our backsides and get out there and do some real research, getting our hands dirty and actually filming anomalous objects in the night sky. This is as much as being in a group of like minded, friendly people with one aim in life To make contact with what ever or who ever are out there and maybe, just maybe, SUFOG maybe that group to make 'FIRST CONTACT' with some alien life form... Out There.

(Steve Gerrard—SUFOG Chairman)

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There is no smoke without fire, whatever UFOs may be, they are a reality, they are not figments of the imagination, we are dealing with a recognisable phenomenon that is infringing on mankind and people like Billy Buchanan will fight to the end to get an answer, and if last night is anything to go by, we may be nearer to that answer than we could ever realise !!!

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National Television, or whatever, but that won't happen for it's the usual story that we have to sort out, that they won't/can't do it for us.

This book then sells us the 1950/1960's flavour of those that are looking over us. It pains me as a researcher to learn that there are others 'out there' who are concerned about us, but won't openly come down to discuss it with us. I'm sure there will be arguments on why this is. If the author is to be believed then we certainly are not only beings that share the cosmos, there are many others 'out there'. This is an interesting little book of which both the sceptics and believers will like, each for their own supporting views. At the end of the day, all this is hard to prove unless one of these many 'space beings' meet with someone from the United Nations, and I won't hold my breath on that one !

Aliens Speak Book (2).

Well the author's second follow on book 'Alien Speak 2' is somewhat similar to the first inasmuch as it mainly contains many channelled messages, however the 'beings' in this book are, in the main, not from within our own solar system (hidden to us)

but are from far flung Galaxies. Let's take a look at what some of the se 'beings' have to say, An-e-ha-te states that we have much to learn and will have to mend our ways if we are to survive as a species in the Cosmos. According to An-e-ha-te, and I quote, "*You must learn, and learn you WILL*". On page 49 we learn that two American couples out driving in their cars were picnicking on a hillside when a UFO put in an appearance putting on an amazing display, unknown to them, a send UFO appeared behind them, and with a powerful beam of light, proceeded to pulverise the unfortunate American day trippers into dust. More names for the police missing files the author relates. Page 53, we learn that there are thousands of 'alien craft orbiting our earth arranged in 4 tiers, moreover, they have been there since 1960' !!

The author then speaks about 'alien coverings'. He goes on about the one piece 'jump suit' that many of the 'aliens' seem to favour. Apparently this garb magically comes upon them as they move from planet to planet. As in the first book, this second follow on edition contains cartoons and drawings of 'aliens', many of whom, would not look out of place down your local Saturday market !

So, what are we to take out of this book ! I really don't know. If I believe in Spiritualism as I do, I should accept these communications as well, but having said that, I can also accept that people (channellers) too can be misled. They, like psychics, may not always get the facts correct, they could be getting correct facts from 'persons' unknown. I really don't know. I don't want to sound as if I'm knocking these books but you do have to read them with a pinch of salt.

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"THE KGB FILES"
HOW THE HOAX WAS MADE !

And while were on the subject of poor UFO investigations and well done UFO hoaxes fostered by the media, the final nail has been hammered into the coffin for the famous Ted Turner production, "The KGB UFO Files".

If there are any among you who still hold out hope for this soviet masquerade, then you need to get the facts at :

<http://borshurinov.narod.ru>

If you want to know the whole story of how the "KGB UFO Files" hoax was made, just go to the web page in English of Boris Shurinov and then click on, either "Boris Shurinov, or "Black Pages"

Don't miss Parts Two and Three (brand new) of the story. Part Two is about the shooting of the soviet crash sequence. Part Three is about the soviet autopsy sequence.

At last, we have a preposterous hoax completely exposed here, thanks to the excellent inquiry of Boris Shurinov in Moscow.

Let's not forget that Ted Turner had his legal team shut down the websites that first attempted to expose this "soviet farce". After this program was sold and broadcast in other countries like Australia and Europe, then he called off his "legal hounds".

Poor Ted Turner, he just wanted to get his share of the "alien autopsy" market. Strictly business, you know. And again, many UFO researchers jumped on the bandwagon without doing their homework. Ted Turner Productions not only made fools of the KGB (which can be forgiven), but also took advantage of the "gullibility factor" within the UFO community.

So how much longer can we forgive each other for such gullibility ? That the true facts of most UFO cases seem to surface within a number of years is our only consolation for our naivety and our impatience to solve this mystery.

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MEXICO SAUCER VIDEO OF 1997 WAS
"CLOSER" THAN WE THOUGHT !

Amateur home videos of UFOs are only as reliable as the investigations can reveal.

And now new information has surfaced about one of the most controversial pieces of UFO footage ever taken. And it begs the question, "how can the obvious be so overlooked".

On page 58 of the recent UFO Magazine from England (issue Nov/Dec 2000) we find out that something very disturbing about the infamous video of the "wobbling saucer" of Mexico City in 1997. Just last December. Russel Callaghan was invited to the home of Jaime Maussan and was surprised to discover that the relevant apartment block in the anonymous UFO video is within sight of Jamie's home, which is perched halfway up the hillside overlooking that part of Mexico City.

Furthermore, Jaime drives past those very same buildings in the UFO video every day on his way to and from work ! Remember that Jaime claimed the reason he first aired that UFO video on his TV show, Tercer Millenio, was to locate those particular buildings in a city of 20 million and countless apartment blocks.

In a lecture at Leed's a couple of years ago, Jaime also stated that he wished he had taken the precaution of "scrambling" the pixels of the "saucer", thus showing only the buildings. For in airing the entire film as received, he invalidated the very eye-witnesses that came forward during the subsequent weeks of investigations.

Now, no one is accusing Jaime Maussan of intentional fraud, but you have to ask yourselves why did it take almost four years for this key information to surface in the public domain? And how could an honourable and intelligent person like Jaime have failed to notice that the very buildings he wanted to

Check these sites out...

<http://www.theloshaven.co.uk/awakecontact.htm>

<http://www.elizabethrobinson-healer.com>

http://www.internetezy.com.au/~mj129/Mysterious_Australia_Homepage.html

identify in the UFO video were just within sight of his own home and his own car as he drove past them every day? You would expect some kind of "bell" of recognition to sound off in his head, wouldn't you?

Just imagine if Jaime had not shown that infamous video on his television show back in 1997. Imagine if he had recognised those buildings within sight of his own home. Imagine if he had then secured the testimony of the many witnesses who had actually seen "something" fly overhead that day before he had shown that saucer video on television. Imagine the enhanced credibility of this UFO video if the saucer in question had been released into the public domain long after all the eye-witness observations had been fully documented and authenticated.

Would we have been so quick to dismiss that Mexico Saucer video as a computer hoax?

So almost four years after the fact, we are left with a dramatic UFO video that displays some characteristics of a computer hoax. A list of real eye-witnesses to the saucer as it flew overhead after the video was shown on Mexican Television. And the key researcher in one of the two most publicised UFO videos of 1997 (the other being the Phoenix Lights of 1997) now revealed as living within sight of the buildings where the saucer was filmed.

As Russel Callaghan said, perhaps others around Jaime Maussan were partly responsible for generating a sensational piece of UFO footage which certainly helped his TV show from plans to shelve it. If your job was at stake, would you do something about it?

Also in the same issue of UFO Magazine on pages 59-60, we find Jaime Maussan somehow missed another key piece of the puzzle in the controversial Carlos Diaz case, whose photographs and video footage taken of a plasma-type craft have stood the test of time for almost 20 years.

A little publicised documentary on Mexican Television, "showed how, with little effort, local glass blowers could reproduce the exact same shape, colours and dimensions of the plasma-type craft, as well as how to give the effect of it projecting a beam of light to the ground-all characteristic features seen on Carlos Diaz tapes".

Now Jaime is not the only leading world-renown UFO investigator that failed to make local inquiries to glass blowers. I wonder what Michael Hesemann from Germany has to say about this

fact, given all the time and money he spent on the Carlos Diaz case.

The lesson here is to turn over every stone before going public with dramatic and sensational UFO cases. And make sure the "facts" of a UFO case can support the weight of a thorough investigation before inviting everyone to "go out on a limb".

So what are we to make of all this? Once again, we are left with a mystery, wrapped up in an enigma, with enough "truth" to keep the belief alive, and enough "suspensions" to satisfy the sceptic in anyone.

Speaking of witnesses to the "Mexico Wobbling Saucer of 1997" also during the month of last December, we were treated to long overdue discussions and detailed reports by researchers of this UFO incident after finally being translated from the original Spanish and German versions to English. The relevant links are posted on the UFO Updates Discussion List during December 2000. Look for Munoz's and Hesemann's reports.

The witnesses are real, even if you dismiss the video for whatever reasons.

<http://www.ufomind.com.ufo/updates/>

1997 Mexico City UFO Video Witnesses Summary :

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/dec/m08-002.shtml>

Enclosed with the video tape was only a note, which read, "We know what happens to witnesses, if they go public with something like this".

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FULL REPORT ON DORCHESTER 2001.

**ARTICLE FROM GROUP MEMBER
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